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Divide the Township.

The desire for local improvements which has sprung up in Bloomfield during the past three years has borne much fruit and no one will deny the progress which has been made or the results which have been accomplished. They are so familiar to all and have been so frequently referred to by us that there is no occasion for reviewing them now. This growth and development has from the nature of the case started at the center and been principally confined to that portion of the township which lies nearest the centre. The residents of the north end at Brookdale have not been able to share these improvements directly and seem to consider the indirect benefits as more a matter of fancy than of fact.

Owing to the peculiar condition of the laws regulating these matters, the necessary cost of lighting streets, procuring water, repairing roads and sidewalks must be placed upon the whole township, and in this way they are taxed for benefits which they insist they do not share.

The feeling on this subject has of late grown so strong that certain residents of Brookdale have begun a suit against the township by which they hope to deprive the Town Committee of the power to light any streets in the township with gas, and also of the power to make any contract with the Water Company for water for public purposes.

Now it is plain from this state of facts that which ever way this suit may result the interests of these two sections of the township are so different that the time has come for us to part.

If the township wins the suit our Brookdale friends will be obliged to submit to taxation for these benefits so long as they remain in the township. If the Brookdale people win they will compel us to return to the same rural simplicity which now delights their soul. Either result will be attended with considerable hardship and some ill feeling.

The true remedy is to create a new township of Brookdale which may govern itself according to its own sweet will. Of course the difficulty will be to fix the division line but we feel confident that such a line can be arranged so that it will be generally satisfactory, and we will discuss that question next week.

The Sunday Newspaper.

That the publication of the Sunday papers gives offence to large numbers of Christian people, is served by the vigorous protests made against them. Recently the Presbytery of Newark requested its ministers to preach upon the alarming desecration of the Sabbath. A tract has also been issued by the American Church Press, aimed directly at the Sunday News paper. Various grounds of indictment are cited against them. They are *secular*: containing the news of the day, market reports, advertisements, and comments. They require the habitual violation of the Holy Day in their issue and distribution. Their legitimate tendency is to obliterate all distinction between days, and thus to encourage and strengthen the already alarming spirit of opposition to the Lord's Day. To increase the circulation not only are pony expresses and special trains pressed into the service at certain seasons, but a larger per cent of profit is allowed to the newsdealer to stimulate him in pushing his traffic.

Such in brief are some of the arguments advanced. Their importance must be conceded. Nothing so tends to improve the bodily vigor, the mental culture, and the spiritual growth of man as the Christian Sabbath. The example of France, where the Sabbath is made a holiday, a day for all kinds of work, is here given as a caution to our own more fortunate people. Well should we guard this day from customs which tend to debase it or detract from its usefulness.

Nevertheless some of the grounds of argument here taken may be successfully

met, and counter-arguments advanced of considerable worth. The fact of the publication and distribution upon the Sabbath is not of itself proof of wrong. No more hard-working class can be found upon the Sabbath than Christian ministers; yet their work is necessary. Much work must be done upon the Sabbath: its rightfulness or wrongfulness will depend upon the end sought to be accomplished. The publication of a Sunday paper cannot therefore, in itself, be wrong. Its immorality must be established upon the ground of its evil influence.

We come, therefore, upon a large field—the question of the influence of a Sunday paper upon the minds of the people. In such a computation, the mass of the people, non-church-goers, as well as church-goers must be considered. The character and probable influence of such papers will also be carefully canvassed. The ground taken is one of expediency; the factors of discussion are uncertain, and conclusions are likely to differ widely. We choose to present the side of the papers. For the time being it is the popular side. Six-hundred Sunday papers, are said to be sold in Bloomfield, a town which for morality ranks high in the community, and whose people are largely attendant upon the churches. It is to be presumed that these people, the most intelligent and thoughtful in the community, have considered carefully this new influence in the household, and find little real harm resulting to its inmates. The news of the day is not specially harmful. Comments upon it from the pulpit are not unusual; but with the coming of the newspaper, sensationalism in the pulpit is without excuse. The Sunday paper having already been read, the minister has no call for other than *strictly religious teaching* from the *Bible*.

Moreover the Sunday Newspaper is confessedly a better paper than that published during the week. More time is given the preparation of its articles. Greater variety is introduced, and its literary character is of a higher order. Nor does it necessarily interfere with religious pursuits. As the daily paper is put aside for business pursuits, the Sunday paper gives way to the worship of God's house, the preparation of the Sunday School lesson or religious reading.

By its variety it rests the mind; by its elevated moral tone it improves the character; while it furnishes rational employment to take the place of gossip, letter-writing, walking, or dining. If the Sabbath is thus broken, its infraction is less disastrous to the Community than if done in a more ostentatious manner.

It is not to be denied that much might well be omitted from these papers. The vulgar and sensational should be avoided. A higher moral tone should be imparted to editorial comment, and columns of information suited to the Sabbath should be introduced.

Educational influences are not to be classed with theatres, opera-houses, stores, or trades, except as their character may demonstrate them to be unworthy the support of the people.

The Sunday newspaper while not an unmixed good is not wholly evil. Like all new growths, it is to be judged by its future result.

The question of Sunday newspapers is a live one, of vast importance, upon which we do not wish to be entirely committed. Any who may differ with the positions above taken are requested to write out their views for publication in our columns.

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